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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING OF HOUSE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

- 1. The Director appeared today before the CIA Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee. Members present were: Chairman Vinson and Messrs. Durham, Brooks, Arends, Cole and Gavin, together with Chief Counsel Smart. The Director was accompanied by General Cabell and Messrs. Amory, White and Paul.
- 2. The Chairman started the meeting by announcing his strong oppostion to the Resolutions for a Joint Committee, 15 of which had been introduced in the House since the 85th Congress convened. He said that he had sent letters to Speaker Rayburn, Joe Martin, John McCormack, Charlie Halleck and Chairman Smith of the Rules Committee, making his position clear and offering to testify before the Rules Committee against the bills. The Chairman indicated that he hoped that the entire Subcommittee would actively oppose these Resolutions.
- 3. Mr. Cole suggested that perhaps the Subcommittee should meet more often. The Chairman agreed, and instructed Mr. Smart to arrange for meetings at least once a month, and more often if the members or the Director had matters of importance to discuss.

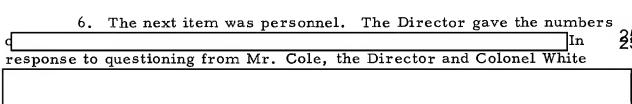
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Director explained that although CIA was exempted from the Classification Act, the Agency generally observed the GS rating system applicable to the regular Civil Service. He explained the nature of the Agency's relationships with the FBI. He explained the executive pay raises which had been put into effect late last summer. In the course of an exchange with Mr. Cole, the Director also explained the financial relationship between CIA and the Free Europe Committee, Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberation.

7. The rest of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the world situation. The Director dealt with the problems of the Soviet Union at home and in the European Satellite areas. He described the situation in Poland and East Germany as a potentially dangerous one. He discussed the U. S. intelligence performance in the Satellite and Middle East crises. With respect to the latter, he explained what the President meant when he said he hadn't been "informed" about the Israeli-UK and French attacks in the Sinai-Suez area. The Director stated that he felt the President's new policy would be well received in the Middle East, except possibly in Egypt and Syria. With respect to Egypt, he noted that Nasser had not taken any violent exception to this policy as yet, possibly because he potentially had a lot to lose if he disassociated himself from the objectives of the President's plan. There was quite a bit of discussion of Nasser. The Director stated his belief that Nasser was in complete charge of the Egyptian situation at the moment, but that a situation could arise, probably within the Army, which might upset him.

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8. The Director briefly cove the world. He identified Laos as a so indicated his concern over the situatio possibility of trouble in other parts of	on in Bolivia, and pointed to the	25X1 _					
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9. The Chairman indicated that he would like to have another meeting "before the end of the month." No date was set.							
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